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***Acknowledgement of Reply Brief***

1. The reply brief filed October 6, 2008 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.
2. Applicant's request for an Oral Hearing filed October 6, 2008 is also acknowledged.
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